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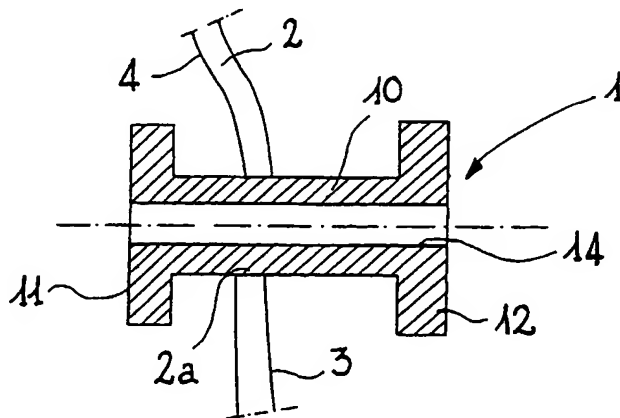
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and at least a portion of which is produced from a material
subject to biological degradation in the presence of organic liq-
uids, wherein at least the portion made of material subject to
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selected from the group of polyphosphazenes.

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